

Mid-State Amateur Radio Club



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The Spark Gap

JULY 1992

JUNE VE TESTING RESULTS

Robert Barr	KB9HWE	Columbus	Tech
Gabor Bathory	WD9DWM	Columbus	Tech
Reba Benson *		Indianapolis	NC Tech
Branden Blewett		Nashville	NC Tech
David Brown		Shelbyville	NC Tech
Brent Drake		Shelbyville	NC Tech
Linda Ennis	KB9HXT	Bargersville	Tech
J. R. Osborne	KB9HSE	Nineveh	Tech
Milton Penrose		Florida	NC Tech
Donald Ping		Camby	NC Tech
Joe Rogers *	N9OKZ	Franklin	Advanced
Barbara Scott		Shelbyville	NC Tech

*indicates member of our club

1992 FIELD DAY REVISITED

Was the 92 Field Day a success? Yes, it was in many ways. The entire event was well organized and went according to plan. Set-up began about 8 AM on saturday with a crew of hams assembling the beams for attachment to the crane. Lendel Cook, W9LNX and Jabran Soubeih, N9KZA were in charge of the antennas. Other antennas were erected and fed into the grounding unit in the window. By 11 AM all outside work was completed and transmitters were installed indoors.

Bob Cammack N9IMP was in charge this year and he did an excellent job! He took advantage of the experience of his dad, W9MLN as an assistant. Bob selected Pat Pyle W9PSD to take charge of the food with help from Randy KC9LC. Everyone had plenty to eat! For lunch there was sloppy joes and Pat's "floor-mat" chili. For the

evening meal there was plenty of ham and salads and a decorated cake.

Several turned out for the saturday evening event including some who were in the park just to see the fireworks. During the day certificates of honorary club membership were presented to Sam Williams and his secretary, Ann Leser. All in all, 26 different hams were logged in attendance for the 2 day event. It was an enjoyable weekend!

At press time the contacts had not been de-duped. When these results are available, it might be a good idea to evaluate the operating procedures to see if we can improve on total contacts in the future. There is no doubt that we could have used MORE OPERATORS! However, certain areas of the US were not represented in our contacts. Why? Our antenna system seemed good enough. If we can make an evaluation now while things are still fresh in everyone's mind it could help our future Field Day contacts!

NEW MEMBERS

We have 2 new members since the June newsletter: Dan O'Connell K9VQI of Nineveh who is a retired fireman with the Indianapolis Fire Department. Dan has an interest in radio-controlled airplanes. The other new member is Greg Prewitt N9PUP who is a machinist with Cummins Engine Co. Greg is interested in computers and building antennas. Welcome to the club gentlemen!

COLUMBUS SAILING TRIP

Ralph Talbott KB9HRB, and the crew of the Tievoli arrived at Cadiz, Spain saturday July 4th. They had spent the last two weeks sailing from the Azores. Since the winds were very light they had to use the auxiliary engine for most of the trip. They were on a starboard tack (sailing into the wind) for 10 straight days! In spite of this they were accompanied by several dolphins riding their bow waves. (This is considered by sailors to be good luck!)

Ralph will be in the Indianapolis area and we hope he can make it to the meeting this saturday. He will return to Spain around the 1st of October and will be joined by Eric KB9BGS and Jack NT9J about the 6th. They will leave Spain October 12 in a group of 140 boats from 47 different countries and should arrive in San Salvador the middle of December. The final leg of their trip will consist of Island-hopping through the Canary Islands, meeting with officials of each for a celebration.

A new transmission has been installed in the ketch and they will be using an Icom 720-A rig loaned to them by Dave KA9OOH. As a result of this unusual trip there will probably be lots of pictures and video footage of the Atlantic crossing. The club should have enough material for several club programs!

ADD TO YOUR 3 DIGIT LIST

Add the following 3 digit code numbers to your list:

251 N9FWF Walt Howard
252 K9VQI Dan O'Connell
253 N9PUP Greg Prewitt
254 Sam Williams (home phone)
255 Ann Leser (home phone)

THE SWAP SWAMP

Buy-Sell or Swap

2-30 foot light weight towers

1-40 foot heavy duty tower

1 Tempo 1 low band rig

Call Bill KA9ZMU at 738-9424

Commodore Packet station:

C64 Computer, Disk Drive, Printer, PK88

TNC Call Sandy WA9RDF at 736-5643

The Spark-Gap

One year ago ...

Results of the 1991 Field Day were published. Total contacts: 281 and Total de-dupped contacts: 261.

Barb Cohoon KB9GWW, AND Larry Walters N9MKR, passed their Tech tests. Also Reuben Schuff (age 9) passed his Extra test.

MID-STATE

CALENDAR

J U L Y

18 Club Meeting and VE Testing

Business: Appoint Nominating Committee

Program: Video tape of SPARK-GAP

A U G U S T

15 Club Meeting and VE Testing

Business: Present Nominating Slate and take any nominations from the floor. (This is the only time floor nominations can be made.)

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S E P T E M B E R

19 Club Meeting, Testing, Election.